

VERDICT FOR SLANDER

W. R. Fentress Awarded Fifteen Hundred Dollars Damages Against John H. Core.

THE BATTLESHIP MISSOURI

Norfolk County Truckers Discuss Question of Importing Labor From South of Europe.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
JANUARY 27.—For an assault upon and technical slander of W. R. Fentress, of this city, John H. Core, a wealthy Norfolk man, was sentenced to pay \$1,500 by a jury in the Court of Law and Chancery this morning. The men had a quarrel about a division fence. A fight ensued, in which Fentress was badly hurt. The police justice fined Core \$50, and he wrote across the face of the check, "For knocking down W. R. Fentress." After the publication of this endorsement of the check, Fentress sued for slander, as well as for damages by the assault. He claimed \$5,000. The verdict to-day rendered by the jury will likely be hotly contested by Core.

BATTLESHIP MISSOURI.
Orders were forwarded through the office of the commandant of this naval station to-day to the commanding officer of the battleship Missouri, at Newport News, to prepare to take his ship out for her sea trial on the 4th of February.

Assistant Civil Engineer Clinton D. Thurston, U. S. N., reported to-day for duty as assistant to Civil Engineer Thompson, in the department of yards and docks at this navy yard.
The naval tug Standish arrived at the yard to-day. She conveyed from the Naval Academy at Annapolis the torpedo boats Porter and Talbot. They are now at the yards for repairs.
The boat cruiser Cleveland is still in Hampton Roads awaiting orders to proceed to Colon to protect American interests there.

TO IMPORT LABOR.
The truckers of Norfolk county are excited over the possibility of reliable farm labor, and they are seriously considering the project of importing to this section desirable immigrants from the agricultural districts of South-Central Europe.

In days gone by there was never the slightest trouble about securing good negro laborers for the trucking farms, but gradually conditions have changed, and it is stated that it is now almost impossible to proceed with the operations of the farms with any degree of certainty. This one problem more than any other annoys the truckers and hampers the great industry of this section.

HALIFAX COURT.

An Englishman Sentenced for Horse Stealing and Robbery.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
JANUARY 27.—The last term of Halifax County Court began Monday and will last all the week, as the docket is a large one. The first case on the docket was present Monday and a fairly sized attendance yesterday and to-day.

William White, alias William Robertson, a weak-minded English tramp, who stole a horse in Mt. Carmel neighborhood the middle of December and who also robbed the store of William Betts, colored, in the same locality, was given four years in the penitentiary, after a jury had previously found him sane, and there were no other cases on the docket.

Arthur Groves, who was tried for the murder of Lewis Itzard, both colored, may be acquitted finally, as the jury is unable to agree. The defendant claims that the killing, which occurred Christmas Day, was accidental; none of the evidence points strongly against him.

William R. Itzard, of Halifax County Court, was chosen by the Legislature for the circuit judgeship of the new circuit, composed of Halifax, Gloucester, Lunenburg, Charlotte and Campbell.

WINTER SEINING.

Home of James Grayson Quarantined Because of Smallpox.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Jan. 27.—Rev. Dr. G. W. Beale has withdrawn as pastor from Smithland and Fairport Baptist Churches, in the Northern Neck, owing to his exacting duties in having so many churches in charge. He still remains pastor of several other churches in the same section.

Circuit Judge John E. Mason has appointed Messrs. Allen S. Pitts, Pittsburgh and William F. Grigsby as the board of pension commissioners for King George county.

The winter seine will be dipped at Marlborough, one of the largest fishing shores on the Potomac River, about February 1st, by ice having disappeared from that portion of the river.

A case of smallpox is reported at the home of James Grayson, an old negro, in Stafford county. Health authorities have quarantined the place.

GENERAL HILL'S LOSS.

Loses His Stable by Fire, Including His Fine Cows.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SCOTTSDALE, Va., Jan. 27.—General James C. Hill's stable, containing two fine cows, two pigs, a large lot of hay and numerous gardening implements, was destroyed by fire this morning. The "Buck Brigade" responded, but it was too late to save anything except one pig. The loss will probably reach \$500, with an insurance of \$225. The cause of the fire is unknown. It is not believed that it was of an incendiary nature, as the General has no known enemies, but, on the other hand, is held in the highest esteem.

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PREPARING FOR PYTHIANS

The Grand Lodge Will Meet in Petersburg Next Week for a Three Days' Session.

A NEW BROOM FACTORY

Large Barn on the Moore Quarter Farm, in Sussex County, Burned—Wedding Cards.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., Jan. 27.—The Epworth League will hold a grand rally tomorrow night at High Street Methodist Church. The Rev. R. M. Maxey, of Union Station Church, in Richmond, will deliver an address.
The offerings of tobacco at the Petersburg warehouses this week have been much better than heretofore and the grades higher. The sales on the market to-day were good, prices ranging from \$1.20 to \$2.25. For several days the weather in the territory has been favorable for handling the crop, and the farmers are taking advantage of the good season to market their crop.

PYTHIAN GRAND LODGE.
The local lodges of Pythians are making arrangements for the entertainment of the delegates to the Grand Lodge, which will meet in Petersburg February 10th and remain in session three days. On the night of the 17th a banquet will be served at Library Hall, covers being laid for 500 persons. That afternoon a competitive drill will be held, and the following afternoon the Sir Knights will turn a parade.

The large barn of Messrs. Edwards and Roberts, on the Moore Quarter farm, in Sussex county, was destroyed by fire this week. Among the articles burned were several bales of cotton and seventy-five bags of peanuts, and the loss will approximate \$2,500.

CLUBS ILLEGAL.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Jan. 27.—Judge Barham, in the Corporation Court to-day, decided that the ordinance passed by the City Council imposing a license tax of \$500 upon social clubs, was illegal.

The case came up on the argument to dissolve an injunction secured by the clubs restraining the city from collecting the tax.

CORNER TO BE MET BY IMPORTATION

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., Jan. 27.—The efforts now being made by Petersburg peanut growers to corner the market on Spanish nuts will be met by the Norfolk dealers by the importation of the Spanish goods in quantity. The duty is so low that at the present price of \$1 a bushel for farmers' grades, highest price in fifteen years, the importation of the nuts will be profitable.

Hanging at Lovingsdon.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., Jan. 27.—James Harris, who murdered a white man named Ellis, on the Southern Railway, at Midway Mills, Nelson county, last August, will be hung at Lovingsdon on Saturday morning.

Harris is a very plausible story of his innocence of the crime up to yesterday, when the carpenters commenced to build the scaffold in the jail. Then he became silent, and the officers and acknowledged his guilt.

Harris is alleged to have been a "prophet" of robbers, and murdered Ellis, who was a stranger in Virginia and was traveling on a local freight train, for the purpose of robbery.

Cumberland Court.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CUMBERLAND C. H., VA., Jan. 27.—Yesterday and to-day saw the passing of the monthly County Court of this county. Court session was continued in order to reach a decision in an assault case.

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Sick at Arvon.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ARVON, VA., Jan. 27.—Pneumonia is very prevalent in Arvon. Mr. Dick Jones, Mr. Isaiah Bolling and Little Willie Amos are ill at their respective homes. Mr. Dick Jones and Mr. Amos are convalescing.

The Governor Will Speak.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LOUISA, VA., Jan. 27.—Governor A. J. Montague to-day addressed the people of Louisa on the "Free School System of Virginia." The address was given in the town hall at Louisa, February 6th, at 8 P. M., and while here the Governor will be the guest of Mr. J. M. Porter at his father's home in the west end of the town.

Sentenced to Penitentiary.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., Jan. 27.—The trial of Leonard Barbour, colored, charged with the murder of Malinda alias "Babe" Cousins, on the night of December 7, 1903, was continued in the Corporation Court at 1 o'clock last night, the jury returning a verdict finding the prisoner guilty of murder in the second degree and imposing the penalty at five years in the penitentiary.

Suicide by Hanging.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SOUTH ROSTON, VA., Jan. 27.—William Duncan committed suicide to-day by hanging at McGeehan's mill place. He leaves a widow, three daughters and one son.

TO RESTORE OLD BRUTON.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

VIRGINIA, VA., Jan. 27.—Mr. J. Stewart Barney, a prominent architect of New York, is expected here soon with Mr. J. H. Kirchner to draw plans for the restoration of Bruton Church.

ORANGE HORSE SHOW.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ORANGE, VA., Jan. 27.—The statement of the condition of the Orange Horse Show Association is very encouraging. The secretary's report, issued yesterday, shows the association to be free from all debt, and has remaining a credit balance of \$204.

A FARMER'S INSTITUTE WILL BE HELD

here Thursday, February 4th.

STANTON REPUBLICANS.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

STANTON, VA., Jan. 27.—The Republican Committee of Augusta county met here to-day and decided to hold a meeting in Stanton February 8th for the purpose of electing delegates to the Buena Vista District Convention. It will also be the duty of this committee to elect a county chairman.

LARGEST STEAMSHIP.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Jan. 27.—The Monitor, the largest steamship ever built in the United States, arrived at Old Point late last night. She came in with one of her boats holed to windward, and was put to sea for her trial trip and speed test. When she returns she will go into the dry dock at the shipyard.

GLAOM.

Women Find Happiness and Health by Using Dr. Greene's Nervura.

Thousands of Women Praise the Virtues of Dr. Greene's Nervura.

"Are these horrible aches and pains natural? Am I doomed to lose my health and good looks through suffering I can't prevent? Shall I be nervous and cross at twenty-five, thin and sickly at thirty, and full of wrinkles in my prime?"

Are you asking these questions of yourself, young woman? Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy will preserve your beauty and keep back the marks of time. It will help you at once.

Mrs. M. A. CLARK, of Buffalo, N.Y., who now lives at Crowland, Ont., says: "For 2 years I was miserable, and no one can imagine what hours I put in. I felt so sad and weary that I could not sleep at night, and sometimes felt as if I would be glad if I could die, for it was misery to live and feel as I did. I thought sometimes I should lose my mind. I had the headache and could not sleep at times. I tried many medicines but they did me no good. At last I decided to try Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy, and after taking two bottles I could sleep well, and my mind did not trouble me any more. I am now able to do all my own housework, which I have not done for two years before. I am very thankful for what Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy has done for me, and I gladly recommend it to all who suffer as I have suffered."

The city of beauty sacrificed to pain and ugliness! Realize it now and prevent the inroads upon your happiness and health. Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy always helps women. You will understand this if you try it. Dr. Greene, 101 Fifth Ave., New York City, will advise you free of charge, if you will call or write. Your druggist recommends and sells Dr. Greene's Nervura.

BROOM FACTORY.
A broom factory, affording employment to a number of operatives, is to be established at an early date in Chesterfield county, a short distance from Petersburg.

Mr. Plummer Caldwell, a well known citizen of Petersburg, is dangerously ill at his home in Hinton Street, as the result of a stroke of paralysis.

SURRY COURT.

Trial Without Jury—Resolutions Complimentary to Judge Rives.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WAKEFIELD, VA., Jan. 27.—Surry County Court was presided over yesterday by Judge Timothy Rives, and it being the last term under the old regime a large crowd was in attendance.

Chapman Raggsdale, for shooting one Tom Green during the winter, was with intent to kill, pleaded guilty, and the court, under the new Constitution, tried him without a jury, and sentenced him to ninety days in jail and fined him ten dollars and costs.

This being Judge Rives' last term of the County Court, a meeting of the citizens generally was held in the courthouse and very appropriate and complimentary resolutions were passed, endorsing and commending his course as judge of Surry County from the beginning to the ending of his long incumbency. Judge Rives presided over this court for twenty years with great satisfaction to the people.

COLONEL LEE TO SPEAK AT LOUISA COURTHOUSE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LOUISA, VA., Jan. 27.—Colonel R. E. Lee, Jr., member of the House of Delegates from Fairfax, will address the citizens of Louisa the second Monday in February (old County Court day), taking for his theme the leading topics of the day.

At a meeting of citizens of the town last night it was decided to make a strong effort to have the State Female Normal School located at this place.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Call to Meet in Luray to Elect National Delegates.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LURAY, VA., Jan. 27.—C. T. Holman, Republican chairman for the seventh District, has issued a call for a convention in Luray Tuesday, February 18th, for the election of delegates to the National Convention in Chicago in June. This convention will also elect five State Executive Committee and a district chairman.

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STREETS IN MANCHESTER

Committee Expects to Make Big Improvements This Year.

Mayor Maurice the Only Candidate So Far—Funerals Yesterday.

(Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch.)

There is a great probability that the Street Committee in Manchester will get what it asks for in the forthcoming budget. They will ask for \$10,000 for permanent improvements, and it is indicated that the Finance Committee will see its way clear to such an appropriation.

The Lands and Buildings Committee hope at some early day to start on the proposed new City Hall and it may be that the budget may contain an encouraging report on this line.

At the next meeting of the Finance Committee, the wants of the various committees will be made known.

Up to date, the incumbent, Mayor Maurice, is the only candidate for the mayoralty. Councilmen Sampson and Petty have been mentioned as candidates, but both of these gentlemen have stated to The Times-Dispatch man that they would not be candidates, so that the field has narrowed down to the incumbent.

Policeman Waymack arrested Yardmaster Atwell, of the Southern Railway yesterday, on a warrant sworn out by R. L. Totty. Mr. Totty avers that Mr. Atwell threatened to shoot him. He presented himself at Mr. Atwell's home in his capacity as collector, when the latter threatened him. Mr. Atwell says the collector talked to his wife in a manner that he resented. Mayor Maurice will hear the case to-day. Mr. Atwell was bailed.

COURT NOTES.
The appeal of Richard Patterson for a new trial was granted by Judge Clifton yesterday and the hearing will come up at the next term. The appeal is directed against the verdict of the jury in the head on Christmas eve.

The hearing in the applications of a receiver for the Southside Land and Improvement Company was continued to February 8th.

The damage suit of W. E. Lewis against the Passenger and Power Company was continued to Saturday.

The Bar Association of Manchester and Chesterfield will meet in the Corporation Court room to-day to pass resolutions on the death of Judge Hancock.

FUNERAL SERVICES.
The funeral of Alice Amos, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Amos, took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The services were held by Rev. J. F. Fick, pastor of the Presbyterian Church. The burial was in Maury Cemetery.

The remains of Marie Louise Traylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Traylor, took place from the home, Rev. A. B. Sharpe conducting the services. The burial was in Maury Cemetery.

The funeral of Mr. Mosby Pulliam took place from Meade Memorial Church at 8 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the interment was in Maury Cemetery.

PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.
A public party will be given at the residence of Mr. E. W. Weisger next Tuesday afternoon.

In the evening a tea will be given. There will be a good time in store for all.

Mr. P. C. Warwick is improving. Mrs. P. West is much better and expects to be out in a short while. Miss Sadie Bailey is better.

Barham—Smith.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DISPUTANTIA, VA., Jan. 27.—Miss Catherine D. Smith, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Smith, of this place, and Mr. W. W. Barham, a prosperous merchant and farmer of Surry county, were married this evening at 7 o'clock. The bride was escorted by her father, and the groom by his best man, Mr. J. G. Giles. The bridesmaids were Misses Rebecca and Gertrude Nance. The groomsmen were Messrs. William Major, R. Stuart Marston, L. A. Marston, Jr., Allen P. Walker, Edward A. Marston and Walter Nance.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Nance.

Mr. and Mrs. Barham left on the evening train for an extended tour. They will make their home at Charles City Courthouse, where the groom is a prominent merchant.

Smith—Leech.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CLIFTON FORGE, VA., Jan. 27.—Mr. William G. Smith and Miss Katherine A. Leech were married in the Presbyterian Church at 7:30 o'clock this evening by Rev. J. A. Barker, pastor of the Baptist church.

The bride entered with her father, Mr. L. Leech, and the groom in company with his best man, Mr. D. D. Shilpin. The ushers were Messrs. L. J. Giles, Frank Wheeler, G. D. Hall and B. C. Goodwin.

Mr. Smith is stenographer for the Alleghany Ore and Iron Company. The bride was crowned queen of the military carnival held here last fall.

The young people repaired to the home of the groom's father, where a reception was tendered them.

Williams—Loftis.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ALTON, VA., Jan. 27.—Mr. Nathaniel Paul Williams, of this place, was married at Cross Roads Baptist Church this afternoon at 8:30 o'clock to Miss Anna Loftis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Loftis, of the New River neighborhood. The ceremony being performed by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Loftis.

The bride was an attractive young lady, with a large circle of friends, while the groom is a prominent young farmer. A reception was tendered the wedding party to-night at the home of the groom's father, where a reception was tendered them.

Shultz—Parker.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEXINGTON, VA., Jan. 27.—A pretty young marriage was that of Miss Leonora Christian Parker to Mr. Chesley Doak Shultz, which took place in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Parker, of Raphine, Rockbridge county, Va. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Loftis, pastor of the church.

The bride was escorted by her father, and the groom by his best man, Mr. J. H. Loftis. The bridesmaids were Misses Rebecca and Gertrude Nance. The groomsmen were Messrs. William Major, R. Stuart Marston, L. A. Marston, Jr., Allen P. Walker, Edward A. Marston and Walter Nance.

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